Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
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November 23, 2011

RE: TRAVELCENTERS OF AMERICA
SITE NO. 058
5400 SEVENTY-SIX DRIVE
NPDES PERMIT NO. 3IN00333*AD

Mr. Dave Plummer
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Mr. Plummer:

On November 2, 2011, this writer conducted an unannounced inspection of the TravelCenters of America Site 058 located at 5400 Seventy-Six Drive, Youngstown, OH. The intent of the inspection was to evaluate the condition of the storm water system prior to renewal of the NPDES Permit. Ms. Mary Ault and Mr. Rich Lang represented the facility.

Storm Water Basin

A slight sheen was observed at the influent pipe to the pond. The slight sheen was typical of runoff from a parking area.

No storm water was being discharged from the basin to the adjacent stream at the time of the inspection. No oil residue was apparent on the rip rap and no sheen was observed in the stream.

It appeared during the inspection that the capacity of the basin has been significantly reduced by the buildup of vegetation. The basin has been inundated with cattails. The presence of cattails can be positive; however, the extensive buildup of decaying vegetation over the years has significantly reduced the basin capacity.

A slight, white residue was apparent on the rip rap below the outlet and on the cobble in the receiving stream. The white residue was typical of bacteria that grow in the presence of organic substances. The white residue may be the result of organic material in the basin that has accumulated over time. As vegetation has accumulated and decayed, organic material released to the storm water may be providing the conditions necessary for growth of the bacteria.

To address the white residue and the reduction in capacity, sediment in the basin must be removed in order to return the basin to its original dimensions. As sediment is disturbed and re-suspended, care must be taken to prevent the discharge of sediment to the adjacent stream. The basin should be cleaned during zero flow conditions and the outlets plugged so that all sediment is retained in the basin.

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Oil/Water Separators

The site maintains two oil/water separators. It was understood that the depth of oil and sediment are inspected each month by the facility. All information collected by the Youngstown facility is forwarded to the corporate office. Oil that accumulates in the separators is routinely removed each month by Safety Kleen, and sediment is removed as needed. Records for maintenance activities of the oil/water separator are maintained at the Youngstown facility for review. No concerns regarding the records for oil/water separator maintenance were identified during the inspection.

Compliance

Monitoring records for the facility were reviewed as part of this inspection. The period of review was October 2010 through September 2011. Following is a list of limit violations identified over the review period. No frequency violations were identified during the review period.

Reporting Period	Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
October 2010	001	Oil and Grease, Total	30D Conc	10	24.	10/1/2010
October 2010	001	Oil and Grease, Total	1D Conc	10	24.	10/6/2010
March 2011	001	Oil and Grease, Total	30D Conc	10	12.	3/1/2011
March 2011	001	Oil and Grease, Total	1D Conc	10	12.	3/16/2011
September 2011	001	Oil and Grease, Total	30D Conc	10	21.	9/1/2011
September 2011	001	Oil and Grease, Total	1D Conc	10	21.	9/12/2011

Be advised that violations of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit are considered violations of Ohio Revised Code 6111.07. It is possible that cleaning the pond and re-establishing its capacity will reduce the frequency of noncompliance. Please provide a written response to this inspection report indicating steps that will be taken to eliminate violations of the NPDES Permit. The response should be submitted no later than December 16, 2011 and include a date for completing the proposed actions.

You may contact this office at (330) 963-1251 or at john.kwolek@epa.state.oh.us to discuss any questions you may have regarding this inspection report.

Respectfully,

John Kwolek
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cc. Ms. Mary Ault, General Manager, Travel Centers of America

File: Industrial/TravelCenter of America 058/Permits and Compliance